GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2792
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2000
INTRODUCTION OF ATM SWITCHES
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce ATM switches in the major cities of the country during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof, city-wise;

(c) the number of electro-mechanical telephone exchanges set up by replacing electronic exchanges in the country during 1999-2000, State-wise;

(d) the number of licences issued so far under New Internet Service Providers (ISPs), city/ town-wise and category-wise;

(e) the total revenue to be collected through these ISPs; and

(f) the number of individual internet connections proposed to be provided during 2000-2001?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir

(b) ATM switches are planned to be installed at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Calcutta and Bangalore.

(c) No electro-mechanical telephone exchange is installed replacing electronic exchange. However, forty-eight electro-mechanical exchanges are planned to be replaced by electronic telephone exchanges during 1999-2000. Out of these, forty-seven electro-mechanical exchanges have already been replaced till February` 2000. State-wise details are enclosed at Annexure-I

(d) The ISP licenses are issued for a particular service area, viz. `All India`, `Telecom. Circle/ Metro District/ Major District` and `Secondary Switching Area (SSA)` and not town-wise/ city-wise. Under three categories, total 239 licenses have been issued till February` 2000. The category-wise details are given in the Annexure.-II

(e) No revenue is to be collected, since no license fees has been levied on ISPs up to October` 2003.

(f) Total five lakh internet connections are likely to be provided during 2000-2001 by Department of Telecom. Services, MTNL and VSNL.

ANNEXURE-II Category-wise list of ISP licenses issued till February` 2000.

Sl.NO.	Category of ISP	No. of licenses issued	Service area
1	A	37	All India
2	B	88	Telecom Circles/ Metro District/ Major District
3	C	114	Secondary Switching Area

STATEMENT IN RESPECST OPARA (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2792 FOR 13thMARCH, 2000 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF ATM SWITCHES. ANNEXURE-I

State-wise details of electro-mechanical telephone exchanges replaced by Electronic telephone exchanges during 1999-2000 (upto February` 2000).

Sl.No	State	Number of Electro-mechanical Telephone Exchanges replaced
1	Andhra Pradesh	4
2	Gujrat	11
3	Haryana	3
4	Karnataka	7
5	Kerala	4
6	Madhya Pradesh	2
7	Maharashtra	11
8	Tamil Nadu	3
9	Uttar Pradesh	1
10	Punjab	1
Total		47